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Ban on Book About CIA Is Apealed

Former Central Intelligence Agency official Vincent L. Marchetti asked the Supreme Court yesterday to set aside lower court orders forbidding him to publish a book on the CIA without advance approval of his former superiors.

In a petition filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Marchetti claimed that an injunction by the district court in Alexandria, sustained Sept. 11 by the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, violated his First Amendment rights of free expression.

Lower courts held that Marchetti, an assistant to the CIA's deputy director before he resigned in 1969 waived whatever rights he had when he joined the agency in 1955 and signed agreements not to publish classified information.